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## **H.R. 467 - Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2007**

### **Floor Situation**

H.R. 467 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Michael Simpson (R-ID) on January 12, 2007. The bill has not been considered by any committee in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

H.R. 467 is expected to be considered on the floor on March 5, 2007.

*\*Note: In the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, Rep. Simpson introduced identical legislation, the Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2006 (H.R. 5666), which passed the House of Representatives by voice vote on December 5, 2006. The Senate received the bill but no action was taken.*

### **Summary**

H.R. 467 allows any landowner within the A&B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho to repay, at any time, construction costs associated with the Minidoka Project. Under current reclamation law, landowners may not prepay the capital costs they owe to the Federal government.

This bill allows the Bureau of Reclamation to receive prepayment from these landowners before the payments are due.

### **Background**

The Minidoka Project was authorized by the Secretary of the Interior on April 23, 1904, under the 1902 Reclamation Act. The Minidoka Project provides irrigation and power to the area surrounding the Snake River.

### **Cost**

H.R. 467 has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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